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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

## NO MORE TEMPORIZING.

It has become apparent that the Central Vermont Railroad company is disposed to treat an expressed promise with the people of Barre lightly and to sidetrack a just complaint. Without temporizing further, let us take this matter to the State Railroad Commission to decide the question on its merits. By returning an evasive agreement signed by the superintendent of the company not as an official, the company has shown its disposition clearly.

January was an out and out frost.

A St. Louis man has been sentenced to 99 years for killing a fellow-creature, but that does not give him a lease on life.

Maine's capital is having a gusty time with both Portland and Bangor blowing hard to become the seat of government.

No, you can't lose President Roosevelt when it comes to presidential messages. He's got another on railroads up his sleeve, so it's said.

St. Albans people, anxious for a new Weldon hotel, offer the button if anyone will sew a shirt to it, at the same time throwing in the thread.

Since the Providence river oyster boats are frozen for the first time in years with a resulting scarcity of the bivalves, the old joke about the overworked oyster will again find its place.

By the tons, scores and even hundreds, our delvers in the bowels of the earth are being wiped out of existence. Have we exhausted all our resources toward insuring the safety of these men?

These million dollar torches that various cities are now burning at night make a brilliant spectacle but rather dear. Philadelphia was not to be outdone by Springfield, and so fired up Tuesday night.

You who have whispered in school and passed sweet and tender little notes, rise up and call down imprecations on the head of the Thornton, Maine, principal who constitutes it an offense for expulsion to do such things.

Mayor Burke has been at the head of affairs in Burlington for three years and wants a fourth term. It used to be said in baseball parlance "three times out, but it is left to the voters to say in this game of politics.

George Winter, a son-in-law of Burlington and known in baseball as one of the Boston Americans' best pitchers the several years past, has accepted terms with the same team for the coming season.—Burlington Free Press.

It's too bad for George to be loaded down with such a father-in-law.

The Burlington Free Press throws out a challenge to match the beauties of its city against the beauties of Barre and Montpelier, in view of the probable lapse of the Northern baseball league. Pity the umpire of such a contest. There would be bitter, cruel war with the umpire as a buffer for the assaults of



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Luxury here this week  
at low prices. If you  
have any extravagant fads  
in this line now's a good  
chance to gratify them  
at small cost. Hold on  
to your money until  
Saturday, February 2nd.  
That's when we start  
our Seven days' Sale.

Our Store Closed Friday, Feb. 1st.

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both parties. No, on behalf of Barre we refuse to accept the challenge, not, however, with any fear as to the result of such a match.

Joseph A. DeBoer goes to Concord, N. H., and promptly gets labeled "governor of the Green Mountain states whenever he says the word." Whoo! Put on the low speed gear, or you'll get hauled up for exceeding the time limit. Besides, such an assertion is uncomfortably warm to put on a man even in cold weather.

## A SPASM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The spirit of resignation rules in New Hampshire. Those who were outspoken at first against the giving of free railroad transportation to state officials are now hustling over the back trail in an endeavor to get to the place where they started. Even Governor Floyd, who started out by saying some things about the pass evil, seems to have taken a like along the same backward track. In fact, when the first wave of the reform heat had passed by, it left the legislators chilled to the marrow. It seems doubtful if any anti-pass legislation is adopted at this sitting of the legislature. This we conclude from what the Concord Monitor says as follows: "However, as we have heretofore said, it may be the part of prudence now to put this subject aside for a few days while attempting to secure a consensus as to the provisions of an anti-pass bill which can command a majority. One thing is certain, no important legislation ever proceeds unless someone—and often a great many persons—yield pride of personal opinion and act for the larger good. The larger good of the state, the legislature, the majority party and all the interests concerned is for wise action to remove the free pass from politics. Patience will have its perfect work in this, we have no doubt, and at this session of the legislature."

So, in spite of the dismal failure of the first measure to do away with the evil, those who feel the stigma which attaches to the legislature's action in killing the bill have brought forward a new proposition which they hope may have more success. It was set afloat on the stormy sea of Hampshire state greediness yesterday and it is even now being buffeted about by the countering winds.

The sentiment of the legislature appears against any action, but we can only hope with the Concord contemporary that patience will have its reward.

## JINGLES AND JESTS.

**The Psalmist.**  
"He certainly has few faults."  
"He has one great one."  
"What's that?"  
"He sings."—Pick-Me-Up.

**Alas!**  
A kid stood musing on the ice,  
With an expression hapless;  
Because the skating was so nice  
And his old bucklers strapless.  
—Judge.

**The Limit.**  
"You say he is well educated?"  
"Yes, he can talk every known language except golf and baseball."  
—Houston Post.

**How "Pull" Works.**  
The horse with strongest pull  
Must do most of the work.  
A smart man's no such fool;  
It's "pull" that lets him shirk.  
—Lippincott's Magazine.

**Accounted For.**  
She—Mr. Dundeigh is looking more like himself, don't you think?  
Charlie—Ya-as. His twin brother is dead.—Puck.

**His Last Condition Worse.**  
On covering what he was bent,  
But one sorry day he awoke  
To the fact that he hadn't a cent.  
For as he was bent he was broke.  
—Philadelphia Press.

**Why He Was Discharged.**  
Hyker—What did the boss fire you for?  
Pyker—For being loaded.—Chicago News.

**Trusts and Their Lawyers.**  
They've cornered our food and our fuel  
Till the householder loudly complains,  
And now, what's especially cruel,  
They're trying to corner the brains.  
—Washington Star.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Perhaps a shorter definition of graft and one that would better fit in the vocabulary of the politicians is, "A good thing that you are not in on."  
—Chicago News.

Senator Hunsbrough says the country must either slow up or blow up. With the steam we have up now it looks as if we will blow up if we slow up.  
—Washington Post.

Look up, not down. By steady looking up you may keep posted on the price of eggs, beef, vegetables, coal, ice and the other necessities of life.  
—Kansas City Journal.

The present house of lords is an anomaly in our midst. It is the laughingstock of the other nations, and sooner or later we shall have to tackle the question of its reformation.—Nottingham Express.

## GOWN GOSSIP.

The long sleeve is creeping in for the street, although elbow length will be worn in the house.

The princess skirt, or that with the corsege united to it, is usually unlined and held out at the foot by the founces of the elaborate silk petticoat.

Ladder effects in braid are used quite a good deal. Braid will still form a prominent part of trimmings on the heavier fabrics through the spring and summer.

From Paris comes word that some of their most chic toilettes show very elaborate decorated bodices topping skirts plain to the point of severity. Undoubtedly this refers particularly to cloth, but will be a point likewise in the spring and summer costumes of silk and light cloths.

## TRAIN AND TRACK.

More than 90,000,000 ties were bought by railroads in the United States last year, involving 3,000,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 feet of sound timber.

The principal railroads of France contemplate substituting automobiles for motive power used on some of the branch roads where the travel is light.

The Texas and Pacific railway has been declared exempt from the new Texas law, which taxes railroads 1 percent on their gross receipts. The exemption is due to the fact that the Texas and Pacific is operated under a charter granted by act of congress.

## NORTHFIELD.

Fred Dole, who was reported seriously ill, is able to be out.

George Nichols, who has been quite ill, is a little more comfortable.

D. B. Howe and Mr. Dyke attended the races at Montpelier Tuesday.

The Utopian club met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. F. L. Howe on Vine street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powers have returned from a short visit in Williams-town.

The N. U. alumni will hold a banquet at the Northfield house Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Sixteen to One club met with Mrs. William Boynton on Vine street Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. K. Edgerton, who has been quite seriously ill, is reported as a little more comfortable.

The Recreation club spent a very pleasant afternoon Wednesday with Mrs. G. R. Andrews on Slate avenue.

The dedication of the new village hall to have taken place on Friday evening has been postponed until after Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark and little son, Herbert, are spending the week with Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Charles Mack, on West hill.

The banquets of the Greek Letter fraternities will be held Friday evening at the Northfield house and at the different chapter houses.

The postponed meeting of the Northfield Telephone company will be held at Plummer & Plumley's office, Friday evening, February 8.

The Northfield high school students will hold a millinery social at the high school building Thursday evening, February 12. It is to be under the head of a "leap year" affair.

The Coni Brothers give a moving picture entertainment at Guild hall Thursday evening. It comes highly recommended and a large crowd is assured.

The young ladies about town are planning a Valentine party to be held at Armory hall Tuesday evening, February 12. It is to be under the head of a "leap year" affair.

The Northfield basket ball team defeated Concord at the Armory in Montpelier Tuesday evening, 19 to 18. Another game will be played by the same teams February 19.

A masquerade ball under the direction of Miss Florence Kendall will be held in Armory hall Friday evening, February 8. This is the first masquerade of the season and should be well patronized.

The basket ball game at the Armory Friday evening is between the Lowell Textile school and Norwich. It will be one of the fastest games seen here this season as the visitors have a very speedy quintet.

John Harrigan had this misfortune on Wednesday to sprain his ankle and it is feared a small bone may also be broken. A ladder upon which he was standing in the back of the store slipped, throwing him to the floor in such a way as to catch his ankle.

Friends of Ascert Denny, son of Asa Denny, formerly an old resident of this town, will learn with regret of his death at his home in Etta, North Carolina. He was an active member of the Congregational church of that city and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

## EAST BARRE.

The musical club will meet tomorrow evening at the home of A. C. Dickey.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Horace Woodward on Friday afternoon at the usual hour.

The train from the city will be held until after the play in the Barre opera house, Saturday evening, February 2.

Mrs. Bates is very poorly still, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cooney. Lizzie Watson is working there at the present time.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church, here are planning for a Valentine sale which will prove interesting to many.

The church committee have now very hope of filling the pulpit each Sunday until the new pastor begins his duties. They are grateful to the many who have agreed to help them by counsel and money until this brief crisis is past.

At the social held in the church vestry Tuesday, Mrs. Robert Woodward lost a handkerchief which being a gift from a friend, she much prized. It had her name on it. If any one has seen it or she will be glad to return it to the owner.

Rev. A. N. Woodruff and family will shortly move to their new home near South Barre. It is with much regret that their many friends see them leave. The musical club will lose one of their needed singers, also a wise counsellor and many social gatherings will miss the ready wit of Mr. Woodruff.

A farewell reception was held in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, at which time the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach met to enjoy a social evening with them before their departure for East Charlestown. Games were indulged in and refreshments served. Perhaps the most pleasurable feature of the evening was the well chosen words of farewell and of counsel given by Rev. A. N. Woodruff which led the way to a gift of money presented by Flossie Cutler and Laura Nye. Rev. and Mrs. Achenbach responded in their own good way and the party soon after broke up.

## Black For Mourning.

Black was first used for mourning in 1408, when Charles VIII. of France died. His widow, it is said, objected to the white mourning customary at that time as not sufficiently suggestive of the depth of her grief. So she dressed herself all in black and draped her coat of arms in the same somber color, thus setting the fashion, which has been followed ever since.

## The Serpent.

The serpent moves by elevating the scales on its abdomen and using them to push the body forward. The windings are always horizontal. The artists who represent the animal as "vertical" have never observed the animal in motion. It is impossible for it to move in that way.

## The Last Comrade

(Original.)

An old man sat at a table on which had been placed a smoking dinner and plates for eighteen persons. No seat was occupied except that of the old man himself, and as the clock on the mantel ticked away the minutes no one else appeared. Indeed, the one occupant of the room could not have expected any one else, for his own dinner was on his plate. At each place was a bottle of wine, but the only bottle uncorked was that before the one diner.

At the close of the Mexican war eighteen officers who had taken part in it and who lived not far from one another decided to celebrate the peace with a dinner. It was a jubilee. During the evening a proposition was made and decided upon that once a year the feast was to be repeated, and as each man dropped out his plate and bottle were to be set the same as if he were present.

All were either young or comparatively young, and it was some years before a single place was vacant. Then a chill passed over every man as he entered the room and saw the empty chair, the plate, the uncorked bottle, of their late comrade. All had looked upon battlefields, but none had experienced this same peculiar sensation in viewing the dead and dying.

Several years passed. The seventeen men were beginning to become somewhat accustomed to the one vacant chair when the clock of their lives struck 2. They missed one of the youngest, merriest of their number. Then it became apparent that the spontaneous merriment of their first dinner would wane under the increasing vacant chairs and exertion must be made to keep the dinners from growing painful. A resolution was passed that each man must contribute something—a song, a story, a joke, whatever he pleased—to enliven the occasion.

Slowly the diners watched the increasing vacancies till the number gone equaled the number remaining. When the nine living men met and drank to the nine who were dead, it was with an effort. Some one proposed that they should sit together at a living half of the table, leaving the other half for the dead, but the proposal was voted down, and the living and the dead remained side by side.

Their clock struck 10, 11, 12, and two-thirds of the original number had passed away. Six men whose beards were gray sat together and drank to twelve who had gone. To them the dead remained at the age they departed, some on the threshold of manhood, others at successive ages.

It was years before there was another vacancy; then two empty plates dropped into the like figured disks recording the revolutions of an engine shaft. Another dropped in three years, another in two.

By this time all who were destined to reach the ordinary limit, threescore years and ten, had dropped out. Of those who were to become octogenarians or centenarians but two remained. For eleven years two old men sat down together once a year and drank to sixteen comrades whose bottles were uncorked. It was not now a question of which should be blessed with the longest life, but which would be soonest relieved from a painful duty. As they glanced over the uncorked bottles it seemed that their dead comrades were drawn up in line to receive them when they should appear upon the eternal parade. With trembling hands they raised thin glasses to their lips and drank—drank as much as there was hope of assimilating with their worn-out systems—then set their glasses down and without a word left a room which from a banquet hall had become a sepulcher.

And now the last man, eighty-nine years old, sits alone. A myriad of wrinkles radiate from a scar on his forehead, the remains of a wound received at Churubusco. A few snow white hairs are scattered over his head. His eye is a flare of intelligence about to go out. His dinner is untasted, except a little toast water, of which he has taken a few sips. He sits at one end of the table and looks down the long line of bottles on either side, every bottle representing a dead comrade. He raises his glass and speaks, not with his lips—lips are not need to address the dead—but in spirit.

"Comrades, I, about to die, greet you. It has pleased our great commander to place me in charge of the rear guard. I have seen you all safely over the river, and now, my work being finished, I am permitted to cross myself. The din of battle sounds far from me—a confused murmur of shouting, of musketry, of cannon. I have no desire to return to mingle with it. I only wish to join you in your long rest. Comrades, I greet you."

He touched the rim of his glass to his thin lips and set it down. Then he rested his chin on his breast and closed his eyes.

The door opened, and a group of children burst into the room, followed by their parents.

"Grandpa, wake up! We have come to cheer you for the loss of your friends. They are gone, but we are coming on. We knew it would be sad for you to dine alone, and we are glad to take you away and warm you with our young hearts beating against yours. Come, grandpa, wake up!"

But the old man did not wake up. One of his sons, a man of fifty, approached and quietly shook him. Touching the veteran's hand, he found it cold. Quickly passing his own hand over the wrinkled brow, he dropped it on the heart.

It had ceased to beat.

F. L. MITCHELL.

## Wheat From Grass.

Fabre in 1853 ended a series of experiments by which he concluded that by careful cultivation for twelve years he had produced a species of perfect wheat from a common grass growing in southern Europe.

## Annual White Sale!



## Fifth Annual Sale Peerless Muslin Underwear For Women and Children!

This great sale started Monday with a rush. The Vaughan Store sales of Muslin Underwear have always ranked among the foremost in Barre, but this year we expect this sale to be still more conspicuous. The advance in price of cotton had absolutely no effect on our prices. We have shaved our small profits closer than ever before.

Don't miss this Sale. These goods cannot be duplicated at the price when sold out.

In conjunction with our great annual sale of White Goods we make a special exhibit of new styles in Shirt Waists—new styles in dainty lawns. Special at 98c, \$1.19, \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.98 up.

## SATURDAY---GINGHAMS

Fifty pieces of Fancy Gingham, ALL NEW, bought at the old price, and go on sale Saturday for 8c per yard. Don't expect these Gingham again at the price when sold out.

TEN-CENT GINGHAMS FOR 8c PER YARD.

## The Vaughan Store

## IT ISN'T EVERY DAY

You can go into a store like this and say: "Here, give me a \$3.00 Comforter for \$1.98 that won't tucker you out before morning, some of that \$1.00 Underwear for 75c, one of those \$10.00 Coats for \$5.00, a 50c Collar for 25c or a \$5.00 Fur Scarf for \$2.98" and get them. If you don't believe you can here, just try it, and while you are in we will introduce you to the best Kimono for \$1.49, the best Skirt for a \$5.00 bill, the best Petticoat for 98c you have ever seen, and a Dress for \$3.00 that we sell for \$7.50 to \$10.00.

The Berley & Pope Co.

P. E. POPE, Manager, Montpelier, Vt.

## At the City Bakery!

On oath and honor we hereby most positively declare that our Double Loaf Malt Bread, made of Pillsbury's flour and by Union bakers, is the best in the State. If you doubt our word try just one loaf and you will be convinced of its superiority to any other. You will notice also that it is white and light and yet firm.

Why is it that Mother's Bread was always good? Because it was made by hand and kneaded, and that is why ours is good. It is properly kneaded. Try one loaf, if no more. All leading grocers and butchers handle it, as follows: Merchant & Fraser, H. J. Smith, Dix & Coleman, Smith & Cummings, Tassie Brothers, John Griffin, J. D. Yandow, Aldrich, Graniteville, and Hopkins, Williamstown. Also leading restaurants and lunch rooms: Spear Brothers, Jack's Lunch Room, Miller's Baltimore Lunch Room, Graniteville Lunch Room and bakers and caterers.

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## THE NATIONAL BANK OF BARRE

STATEMENT, JANUARY 1, 1907.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans, - - - - -	\$336,674.99	Capital Stock, - - - - -	\$100,000.00
United States 2 per cent Bonds at par, to secure circulation, - - - - -	100,000.00	Surplus and Profits, - - - - -	28,572.23
Other United States Bonds at par, - - - - -	65,000.00	Dividend, No. 67, - - - - -	4,000.00
Redemption Fund, - - - - -	5,600.00	Dividends Unpaid, - - - - -	6.00
Other Bonds, - - - - -	94,088.22	Circulation, - - - - -	98,746.50
Due from Banks, - - - - -	81,952.17	Deposits, - - - - -	399,114.72
Cash, - - - - -	24,609.04	United States Bond Account - - - - -	15,000.00
Total, - - - - -	\$709,924.42	United States Government Deposit - - - - -	65,000.00
		Total, - - - - -	\$709,924.42

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THOS. H. CAVE, Jr., Cashier.